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In re Application of	:	
Ignatius et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 09/495,751	:	PETITION
Filed: 1 February, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. 044463.0020	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed on 1 June, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 1 February, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of 31 January, 2000.

Petitioners assert that the application was filed on 1 February, 2000, rather than on the presently accorded filing 31 January, 2000. In support, on 1 June, 2001, petitioners supplied a copy of an itemized postcard receipt bearing the above-identified application number and an Office date of 1 February, 2000.

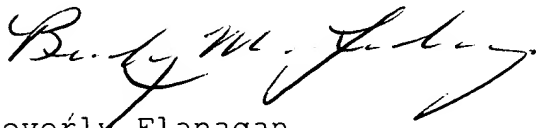
In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent filed on 24 September, 2001. The request is effective only for Gary W. Hamilton, because he is the only attorney/agent specifically mentioned in the request. Furthermore, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) does not recognize law firms as such, and therefore, it cannot be determined which persons of record are members of the law firm. The correspondence address has been changed in accordance with the request. A one-time courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, unless otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

The application is being returned to Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to 1 February, 2000, and for issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt.

Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (703) 308-6918.



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